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For: **After-Market Dashboard Bezel for an Automobile having a Number of Instrument Holders and Associated Method**

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Douglas M. Jennings, the Applicant in the above-identified patent application, declares:

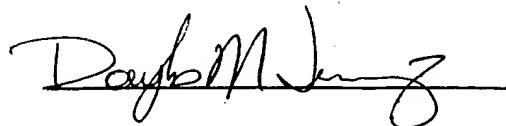
1. I am the sole inventor of subject matter described in the above-identified utility patent application, and claimed in all of the currently pending claims 26-44 and 52-61 thereof.

2. At least as early as May 26, 2000, I had completed by conceiving and reducing to practice my invention as described and currently claimed in the above-identified utility patent application. In support of this declaration, I am including herewith (i) a copy of a provisional patent application that I filed, through my patent attorney Paul J. Maginot on May 26, 2000 that is entitled "Instrument Bezel for an Automobile" (see Exhibit I), (ii) a copy of a Filing Receipt issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding this provisional patent application (see Exhibit II), (iii) a copy of a document showing an internet posting dated March 10, 2000 that I made which advertises my after-market dashboard bezel (see Exhibit III), and (iv) a copy of a document showing an internet posting dated December 6, 1999 that I made which advertises my after-market dashboard bezel (see Exhibit IV).

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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